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South African Radio League Suid-Afrikaanse Radioliga
Member Society of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

EA8CAC and EA8DP to represent Africa at WRTC

Two Radio Amateurs from the Canary Islands will represent Africa at the 2010 World Radiosport Team Championships or WRTC, which is the major Amateur Radio contest event of the year 2010. The team leader is a well know DXer Juan J Hidalgo, EA8CAC from Las Palmas. His teammate is Marino, EA8DP

WRTC-2010 will take place from 8 - 12 July near the Russian capital of Moscow where 50 teams from all over the world will compete under the same field conditions. The Russian National Amateur Radio Society hosts the event.

In 2006, at the event held in Brazil, Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX, represented Africa. His teammate was Steve, N2IC. They were placed 26th.

Santa's Amateur Radio Station

Once again, Santa Claus will operate his amateur radio station OH9SCL from Santa Claus Land in the Arctic Circle during December. Activity will be on 160 - 10 metres using CW, SSB and the Digital modes.

QSL via OH9UV: Santa Claus Land, Napapiirin Yhdeksikot Ry, PL 50, 96101, Rovaniemi, Finland. A special "Santa Claus Land" award is available. For more information about the award, please visit the SCL Web page
http://kotisivu.dnainternet.net/rakarttu/OH9SCL_2007/OH9SCL_2007

SARL HF Field Day this Weekend

The second leg of the SARL HF Field Day will be run this weekend, 21 and 22 November 2009 with phone and CW activity on 10 to 160 metres. The Field Day starts at 12:00 CAT on Saturday and ends 24 hours later. Stations can participate as a single operator or multi-operator field station or as a general station. More information can be found in the 2009 SARL Contest Manual.

The Overberg Amateur Radio Club, ZS1OAR, will be operating a field station in the Marloth Nature Reserve at Swellendam on Field Day weekend. Visitors and operators are welcome. Contact André, ZS1AZ, on 028 514 2018 or Sam, ZS1OR, on 028 316 1470 for further details.

The following radio clubs and individuals have indicated that they will be on the air during the

November

ZS10WCS operated by the
North West ARC

7 National Marine Day
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14/15 WAEDC RTTY Contest;
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SARL Contest Manual
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nominations



Field Day - Sandton; Sasolburg; Pretoria; Highway and Midlands; West Rand; Suid-Kaap; Zululand; Robbie, ZS1RAP, and Johan, ZR5JF. You still have this week to get your club activated!

GAREC 2010 Slated for Curacao

The Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference (GAREC) will return to Region 2 next year in Curacao, 11 and 12 October. The theme of the conference will be "Learning through practicing." Details will be announced as they become available.

The GAREC mission is to help Amateur Radio operators to be better prepared for emergency communications and create exercises at both the national and international levels. GAREC exists to foster the exchange of information and experiences among all Amateur Radio operators and groups that are interested in emcomms. Their vision is to have regular worldwide cooperation and understanding between governments and the Amateur Radio Service in the field of emcomms. - Seppo Sisatto, Ph.D, OH1VR, Tampere, Finland

DXCC News

701YGF Reminder. Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, states: "This is a reminder that free update for 701YGF Yemen cards will expire on 31 December 2009. Starting 1 January 2010 normal submission fees will apply. If you are planning to submit an update for this operation I strongly recommend that you do not wait for the last minute as mail around the holiday season is very heavy and delays can occur. All DXCC needs is the card and SASE, or, in LoTW do an application with just 701YGF and remember to select payment by mail on Part four and leave the paper QSO number at zero on Part two."

Pirate

If you worked TX3A on RTTY on 14 November between 04:00 and 07:00 or so, it was a pirate. I [Tom, N4TJ] have confirmed via the pilot station that they were not on the air. They sure fooled me, because the beam heading and frequency were correct he acted exactly like TX3A, even telling some they were dupes. I bet he worked a hundred or more, mostly JA with some scattered NA and Europe. At least we know ahead of time so we can work the real one.

DX from Africa

Chad, TT. Jovica, E78A has been in Chad since 25 September, and has had his TT8JT call renewed. He will be active from Abeche during the next three or four weeks. He operates CW during his spare time, as he is working for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Activity during the CQ WW DX CW Contest is not confirmed at this moment. QSL via E73Y, direct or bureau.

Botswana, A2. Mike, K9NW, will be active as A25NW from 23 November until 1 December (including the CQ WW DX CW Contest). QSLs via his home call.

Namibia, V5. Klaus, DJ4SO, is going to visit Namibia for the sixth time from 23 November until 15 December. Listen for V5/DJ4SO mostly on CW, RTTY or PSK31 on 160 to 10 m. As usual QSLs via the bureau, direct or via LoTW to DJ4SO. Klaus will be active in the CQ WW DX Contest on all bands.



Ascension Island, ZD8. Bob, G4DBW, will once again be active as ZD8RH. His activity will include the CQ WW DX CW Contest (28 and 29 November) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW or to G4DBW.

Tunisia, 3V. Alex, G0MDHZ will be here beginning 16 November for five weeks. He plans to operate using CW from the 3V8SS club station during the weekends. QSL via operator's instructions.

Madeira, CT9. DJ2YA, DJ6QT, DL1CW, DL5AXX and SV1RP will be active as CT9/home call from Madeira (AF-014) from 24 November to 3 December, including a M/2 entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as CR3L (QSL via DJ6QT).

Angola, D2. D2CQ is the newly issued call sign that Paulo, CT1ITZ (ex D2PJB) will be using from Angola until 29 November. QSL via CT1IUA.

Mozambique, C9. Igor, UY5LW, will be active as C91LW from Maputo, Mozambique from 13 November to 3 December. He will operate CW with some RTTY and PSK on 80 - 12 metres, including an entry in the CQ WW DX CW Contest. Activity on 160 metres will depend on the local situation. QSL direct to UY5LW. Log search and further information can be found at <http://www.c91lw.dxer.com.ua>

Madagascar 5R. Eric, F6ICX will operate only CW on 80 - 10 metres as 5R8IC from Sainte-Marie Island (AF-090) also known as Nosy Boraha, Madagascar from 17 November to 14 December. QSL via home call, bureau preferred.

Ghana, 9G. The Italian team is now active from Busua Beach until 27 November. Look for the group to activate Abokwa Island (AF-084) with one station on 20 metres only during their stay. The time of operation on the island will be planned day-by-day pending the sea condition and weather forecast. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes, 80 - 10 metres. The call sign 9G5TT will be used from the mainland while the call sign 9G5XX will be used from Abokwa Island. QSL via I2YSB, direct only. For more information and updates, go to <http://www.i2ysb.com>

By the time you read this Alan, G3XAQ, will be heading to Accra and is expected to be active as 9G5XA again. He will be there until 4 December. Activity will be CW only on 160 - 10 metres. No word on whether he will be in the CQ WW DX CW Contest, but do not count it out. QSL via G3SWH. The log will be uploaded to G3SWH's Web site upon Alan's return at <http://www.g3swh.org.uk>

Senegal, 6W. Jacques, F6BEE will be active from Senegal as 6W1RW between 24 - 29 November, and with focus on the CQ WW DX CW Contest (28 - 29 November) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Prior to the contest, he will be active mainly on WARC bands. QSL via F6BEE and LoTW.

Dim, UT5UGR will be active from La Somone, Senegal, as 6V7R during the CQ WW CW Contest (28 - 29 November) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via UT5UGR, direct or bureau.

Tom, GM4FDM, and Ronald, PA3EWP, will be active as 6W/GM4FDM and 6W/PA3EWP from Senegal from 26 January to 9 February. They plan to concentrate on the low bands and RTTY,



with an emphasis on North America and Japan. QSL 6W/GM4FDM via home call, QSL 6W/PA3EWP via PA7FM. Tom will upload his logs on LoTW, during the operation or as soon as he arrives home.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 17 to 23 November 2009

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint

01:30 - 03:30 UTC 19 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40 and 20 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC No or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Key Type Mult: 2x if straight key, 1.5x if bug, 1x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 23 November 2009

E-mail logs to: naqcc33[at]alltel[dot]net

Post log summary at:

http://www.usatek.net/~yoel/sprint_submit_log.html

Mail logs to: John Shannon, K3WWP, 478 E. High St., Kittanning, PA 16201, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.arm-tek.net/~yoel/sprint200911.html>

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 20 November

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 November 2009

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm>

YO International PSK31 Contest

16:00 - 22:00 UTC 20 November

Mode: PSK31

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 50 watts

Exchange: YO: RST, Serial No and County; non-YO: RST, Serial No and Country

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with YO station; 1 point per QSO with non-YO station

Multipliers: Each YO county and each country

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 5 December 2009

E-mail logs to: yo5crq[at]gmail[dot]com

Mail logs to: Radioclubul YO5KAD, PO Box 220, RO-430281 Baia Mare, Romania

Find rules at:

<http://www.yo5crq.ro/Rules2009EN.htm>

Mongolian DX CW/SSB Contest

00:00 - 24:00 UTC 21 November

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op CW - Low or High; Single Op SSB - Low or High; Multi-Single Mixed; SWL

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RS(T) and CQ Zone

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 0 points per QSO between JT stations; 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with different country, same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent



Multipliers: Each DXCC country (except JT) once per band; Each JT station once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 December 2009

E-mail logs to: [jtdxcontest\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:jtdxcontest@gmail.com)

Mail logs to: Mongolian DX Contest, CW/SSB, PO Box 830, Ulaanbaatar-24, Mongolia

Find rules at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/mongoliandxcwssb2009.pdf>

SARL Field Day Contest

10:00 UTC 21 November to 10:00 UTC 22 November

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single-Op Field - QRP, Low or High;

Multi-Op Field - QRP, Low or High; Single-Op

General - QRP, Low or High; Multi-Op Gen-

eral - QRP, Low or High

Max power: QRP: 5 watts; LP: 6 - 50 watts;

HP: 51 - 100 watts

Exchange: RS(T) and Category (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with General

station in same area; 2 points per QSO with

General station in different area; 3 points

per QSO with Field station in same area; 4

points per QSO with Field station in differ-

ent area

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 6 December 2009

E-mail logs to:

[hfcontests\[at\]netactive\[dot\]co\[dot\]za](mailto:hfcontests@netactive.co.za)

Mail logs to: Field Day Contest, Bloemfontein

Radio Amateur Club, PO Box 12104, Brandhof, 9324

Find rules at:

<http://www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/SARL%202009%20Contest%20Manualv3.pdf>

Feld Hell Sprint

12:00 - 16:00 UTC 21 November

Mode: Feld Hell

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province and country once only

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 1 December 2009

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.emailmeform.com/fid.php?formid=202397>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests>

LZ DX Contest

12:00 UTC 21 November to 12:00 UTC 22 November

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - Mixed, CW or

SSB; Single Op All Band Mixed QRP; Single

Op Single Band Mixed; Multi-Single Mixed;

SWL

Max power: Non-QRP: >10 watts; QRP: 10 watts

Exchange: LZ: RS(T) and 2-letter district;

non-LZ: RS(T) and ITU Zone No

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with LZ sta-

tion; 3 points per QSO with different conti-

nent; 1 point per QSO with same continent

Multipliers: Each ITU zone and each district once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 December 2009

E-mail logs to: [lzdxc\[at\]yahoo\[dot\]com](mailto:lzdxc@yahoo.com)

Mail logs to: BFRA, PO Box 830, 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria

Find rules at:

<http://lzdxc.bfra.org/rulesen.html>

All Austrian 160-Metre Contest



16:00 UTC 21 November to 07:00 UTC 22 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 160 m Only

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Single; SWL

Exchange: OE: RST, Serial No and District Code; non-OE: RST and Serial No

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each district code and each DXCC/WAE country

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 December 2009

E-mail logs to: hf-contest[at]oevsv[dot]at

Upload log at:

<http://contestrobot.aoec160m.oevsv.at>

Mail logs to: OEVSU-HQ, HF-Contest Manager, Eisvogelgasse 4/1, A-1060 Vienna, Austria

Find rules at:

http://www.oevsv.at/export/oevsv/download/AOEC/Rules_AOEC_160m.pdf

ARRL Sweepstakes SSB Contest

21:00 UTC 21 November to 03:00 UTC 23 November

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, Low, High or Unlimited; Multi-Op; School Club - College, Technical or Secondary

Max operating hours: 24 with at least 30 minute off times

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Serial No, Precedence (Q, A, B, U, M, S), your call sign, Check and ARRL/RAC Section

Work stations: Once only

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO

Multipliers: Each ARRL/RAC section and VE NT once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 8 December 2009

E-mail logs to: SSPhone[at]arrl[dot]org

Mail logs to: November SS Phone, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111, USA

Find rules at:

http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/no_vss.html

RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz CW Contest

21:00 UTC 21 November to 01:00 UTC 22 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 160 m Only

Classes: Single Op (UK/Overseas)

Exchange: UK: RST, Serial No and District Code; non-UK: RST and Serial No

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO; 5 additional points for first QSO with each UK district; UK stations: 5 additional points for first QSO with each country outside of UK

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 7 December 2009

Upload log at:

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: RSGB-G3UFY, 77 Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7 7AF, England

Find rules at:

http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2009/r18m_hz.shtml

NA Collegiate ARC SSB Championship

21:00 UTC 21 November to 03:00 UTC 23 November

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: School Club (College)

Max operating hours: 24 with at least 30 minute off times

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Serial No, Precedence (Q, A, B, U, M, S), your call sign, Check and ARRL/RAC Section

Work stations: Once only

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO

Multipliers: Each ARRL/RAC section and VE NT once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults



Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 8 December 2009

E-mail logs to: [SSPhone\[at\]arrl\[dot\]org](mailto:SSPhone@arrl.org)

E-mail log summary to:

[wm5r\[at\]wm5r\[dot\]org](mailto:wm5r@wm5r.org)

Mail logs to: November SS Phone, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.collegiatechampionship.org/rules>

EU PSK63 QSO Party

00:00 - 24:00 UTC 22 November

Mode: BPSK63

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: EPC Members: RST, "EPC" and 3-digit EPC member number; non-EU: RST and 3-digit QSO No

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-EPC member; 5 points per QSO EPC member

Multipliers: Each EPC member once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 December 2009

E-mail logs to: [ut7fp\[at\]srars\[dot\]org](mailto:ut7fp@srars.org)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at

http://eu.srars.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=66&Itemid=141

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 25 November

RSGB 80 m Club CW Sprint, 20:00 UTC-21:30 UTC 25 November

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 27 November

CQ Worldwide DX CW Contest, 00:00 UTC 28 November to 24:00 UTC 29 November

This week in History

1818 Australia's first lighthouse, South Head, Sydney.

1888 Tamworth, NSW, first town in Southern Hemisphere to be lit by electricity.

1897 Marconi transmits ship to shore over a distance of 18 miles.

1899 First US radio company incorporated in Prescott, Arizona.

[IRTS Radio news]

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